

## ACT QUICK REFERENCE SHEET

- This two-page document is compiled as a quick reference for Leavenworth High School students and parents. Access the ACT website at <https://www.act.org/> for the most up-to-date information.
- The ACT is a college entrance exam measuring students' English, mathematics, reading, and science reasoning skills. The highest score possible on each test is 36. The Kansas Regents Qualified Admissions score is 21.
- Students should check the admissions requirements for schools they are interested in and talk to their school counselor to determine whether to take the SAT, ACT, or both. The ACT is accepted by all 4-Year Colleges/Universities nationwide.
- ACT recommends that students take the ACT during the junior year, although some students opt to take it earlier.
- It is very important that students not wait until their senior year to take the ACT because many college applications have deadlines beginning in the fall of the senior year. If you are a college-bound senior and you have not registered for the SAT or ACT, see your counselor immediately.
- Students can take the ACT more than once to try to improve their score. Colleges and universities use students' scores for admission determination, course placement, academic advising, and scholarship options. Recently, ACT has added superscoring. ACT Superscore takes the average of the four best subject scores from each ACT test attempt. Not all colleges will accept ACT Superscore and may still want your highest composite score for a single testing session.
- Students with **disabilities** and students who receive **English language support** may qualify for testing with accommodations. A student with an IEP, 504 Plan, or ILP should talk to their counselor so the required paperwork can be submitted.
- Students who plan to play a **college sport** at an NCAA or NAIA school must register with the respective eligibility center for the type of school they plan to attend. In January 2023, the NCAA (<https://web3.ncaa.org/ecwr3/>) removed test scores from initial eligibility requirements, but your college/university may still require the ACT/SAT for admission. NAIA (<https://play.mynaiia.org/>) may require an ACT/SAT score depending on your GPA/rank. See your coach or school counselor for clarification.
- There are two testing options for the ACT: ACT (no writing) & ACT with Writing. Students should check the admissions requirements of the colleges/universities that they are interested in to see if the writing is suggested or required. Few schools require the writing exam.
- Test Fees for 2023-24:
  - ACT (no writing): \$68.00
  - ACT with Writing: \$93.00
  - If a student receives free or reduced lunch, he/she can take the ACT up to four times during their junior or senior year free of charge by filing a **fee waiver**. Students who qualify can obtain a form from their guidance counselor. Students who register with a fee waiver receive access to several FREE ACT prep opportunities from ACT.
- Students should **prepare** for the ACT by:
  - Taking a rigorous, college-preparatory curriculum.
  - Reviewing *Preparing for the ACT* available from your school counselor and taking the practice exam.
  - Utilizing [Free ACT Practice](#) through ACT.
  - Seeking opportunities listed below; additional opportunities often arise throughout the year.
    - **Use Methodize through your Xello account, which can be accessed by logging into your PowerSchool account.**
    - Take an ACT Prep class at LHS (currently scheduled for Saturday, October 21, 2023 with additional dates TBD). Sign-up information will be posted in grade-level Google Classrooms several weeks before the class.
    - The Emporia State University TRIO Program is a local option requiring an application. See your counselor, if interested.
    - Peterson's DoD MWR Library & [www.eknowledge.com/mil](http://www.eknowledge.com/mil) offer preparation materials to military families.
- Students **register** for the ACT online at [www.act.org](http://www.act.org). **Use a personal email, not your lpioneer email account. You will use your ACT account to access your scores.** The process to set up the account and register for the exam takes about an hour the first time, so plan accordingly when you decide to register. You will need to know the classes you have taken while in high school and the grades received. If you do not know this information, you can get a copy of your transcript from the Guidance Office.

### 2023-24 ACT TEST DATES/DEADLINES

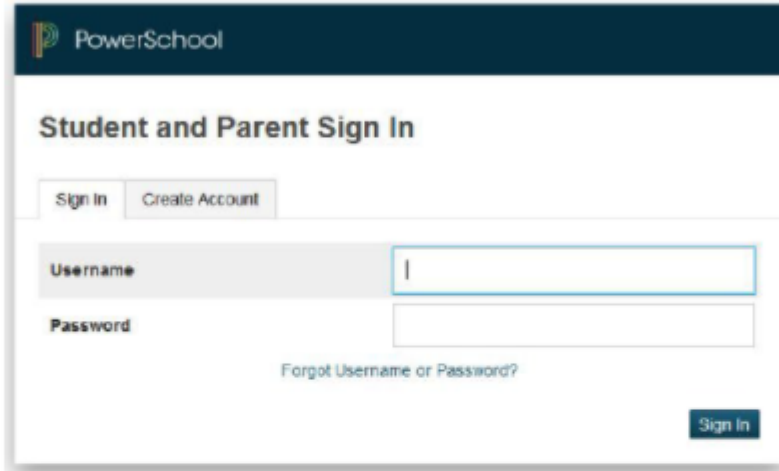
TEST DATE	REGULAR REGISTRATION DEADLINE	LATE REGISTRATION DEADLINE (\$36.00 ADDITIONAL FEE)
<b>SEPT 9 (@ USM)</b>	<b>AUG 4</b>	<b>AUG 18</b>
<b>OCT 28 (@ LHS)</b>	<b>SEPT 22</b>	<b>OCT 6</b>
<b>DEC 9 (@ USM)</b>	<b>NOV 3</b>	<b>NOV 17</b>
<b>FEB 10</b>	<b>JAN 5</b>	<b>JAN 19</b>
<b>FEB 29</b>	<b>Junior SCHOOL DAY TESTING - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED</b>	<b>FEE PAID BY STATE OF KANSAS</b>
<b>APR 13</b>	<b>MAR 8</b>	<b>MAR 22</b>
<b>JUNE 8 (@ USM)</b>	<b>MAY 3</b>	<b>MAY 17</b>
<b>JULY 13 (@USM)</b>	<b>JUNE 7</b>	<b>JUNE 21</b>

- LHS offers the National ACT in October and April. The University of Saint Mary offers it in September, October, December, June, and July. **Be sure to include Leavenworth High School's high school code (171700) so we receive your scores.** The LHS test center code is 175980. USM is 014580. For other test dates, you can find a location nearby on the ACT website.

## Accessing Methodize

### Xello Sign-In

Student logs into PowerSchool with their normal user ID and password



The screenshot shows the PowerSchool login interface. At the top, there is a dark blue header with the PowerSchool logo. Below the header, the page title is "Student and Parent Sign In". There are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create Account". Below these are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". A link "Forgot Username or Password?" is located below the password field. A "Sign In" button is positioned at the bottom right of the form.

Once logged in to PowerSchool, in the upper right corner below the "Name, Help, and Sign Out" options there will be a launcher icon. (square with an arrow)



Select the icon and then select the "Sign Into Xello" link



**Methodize** is under "Links & Resources" at the bottom right. Log in and start practicing!